STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE APRIL 3, 2018

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

UPDATE ON COMPREHENISIVE RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

DISCUSSION

In March 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) adopted Resolution No. 2017-0012, Comprehensive Response to Climate Change (Resolution). The overarching theme of the Resolution is to generate near-term action, manifesting in changes to policies, permits, and plans, and to support the state's key climate priorities as identified in the AB 32 Scoping Plan, Safeguarding California Plan, and Water Action Plan.

The Resolution builds on previous and ongoing work, and covers all of the Water Boards' functional areas, including major regulatory divisions (Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights), along with financial assistance, data analysis and technical support, and administrative and program support. The Resolution also establishes regular and ongoing progress reports on implementation of those actions. This informational item will include a status update for the first year, and provide a preview of implementation activities for the year ahead.

In addition, Regional Boards have been developing their own climate change policies and workplans. The informational item will also contain an update from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board on its actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Updates on actions related to climate change from the remaining Regional Water Boards will be scheduled for future Board Meetings.

POLICY ISSUE

None. Informational Item Only.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Informational Item Only.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None. Informational Item Only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. Informational Item Only.